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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing. Applicant must submit \$ 770 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$900 for a Large Entity

- \$770 Statutory basic filing fee.
- \$130 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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EXAMINER:

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ART UNIT:

3754

SERIAL NO.:

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FILING DATE:

March 30, 2004

INVENTOR:

Herbert BERNHARD

TITLE:

A BEVERAGE BOTTLING PLANT FOR FILLING BOTTLES WITH A LIQUID BEVERAGE FILLING MATERIAL, AND AN EASILY CLEANED LIFTING DEVICE IN A BEVERAGE BOTTLING PLANT

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August 13, 2004

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Please find enclosed herewith the following documents relating to the above-cited case:

- a Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application;
- 2) a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application;
- an executed Supplemental Declaration and Power of Attorney document;
- a check for \$900.00 representing \$770.00 for the basic filing fee, and \$130.00 for the large entity surcharge fee;
- 5) a certified copy of Federal Republic of Germany Patent Application No. 103 14 634.2;
- 6) an Authorization to Withdraw from Deposit Account and a duplicate copy thereof; and
- 7) a stamped, self-addressed postcard, return of which is requested to acknowledge receipt of the enclosed documents.

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It is believed that no further fee is required to file the enclosed documents.

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Respectfully submitted,

Nils H. Ljungman, Esq. Attorney for Applicant[s]

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

Sir:

The Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application, mailed on June 16, 2004, a copy of which is enclosed herewith, requires that a basic filing fee of \$770.00, a large entity surcharge fee of \$130.00, and a Declaration signed by the inventors be submitted by August 16, 2004, which is two months from the mailing date of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application, relating to the above-cited patent application.

This case was filed without a Declaration because an application with a Declaration attached thereto was not received by the Attorney of Record by the Convention Date. Therefore, in order to comply with the filing requirements, a Declaration citing the above-identified application by its serial number and filing date is enclosed herewith. Priority was claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 at the time of filing of the above-cited application.



The undersigned attorney of record hereby states that the invention recited in the Declaration enclosed herewith is identical to the invention captioned above.

As requested by the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application, all required documents are enclosed herewith.

If mailed, I, the person signing this certification below, hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date indicated in the certification of mailing on the transmittal letter sent herewith, or if facsimile transmitted, I, the person signing this certification below, hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on the date indicated in the certification of facsimile transmission on the transmittal letter which is being facsimile transmitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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AUTHORIZATION TO WITHDRAW FROM DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

Sir:

If a fee is required to avoid abandonment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 12-1758. A duplicate copy of this authorization is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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